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**Subject:** Fwd: ERWP Funding Letter now attached!  
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ERWP End of Year Letter draft Final.docx

Should we ask for a WO/PAO review?

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**From:** Kimberly Kernan <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** 2017-12-12 16:04 GMT-07:00  
**Subject:** ERWP Funding Letter now attached!  
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**Cc:** Kristen Jespersen <kjespersen@tamariskcoalition.org>

> On Dec 12, 2017, at 4:02 PM, Kimberly Kernan <(b) (6)> wrote:  
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> All,  
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> In our last Coordinating Committee meeting, we address a fundraising letter that the Funding Subcommittee had proposed. The CC asked to see the letter and to refine the elist to exclude local and federal government employees from the list.  
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> We have refined the elist and the letter is attached. Please respond with you thoughts and whether there is a consensus on sending it out. The Funding Subcommittee would like this to go out shortly if possible.  
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> Best,  
>  
> Kimberly Kernan  
> ERWP Facilitator  
> 408-482-4015  
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**Matt Betenson**

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Dear Partners, Friends, and Supporters:

As the end of the year approaches, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for being a champion of the Escalante River Watershed Partnership and our efforts to restore and protect the Escalante River. With support from people like you, we are making great strides towards improving the habitat of the river, understanding the science of the watershed, and training young people to steward and care about the unique landscape of southern Utah.



In 2017, we treated over 750 acres of invasive Russian olive on public and private lands, meaning we're nearing completion of our goal with just over 89 stream miles of the total 90 miles restored of the Escalante River. We also worked with and trained over 80 conservation corps crew members ranging from 18-26 years-old in addition to one Hopi youth crew ranging from 15-18 years-old, and worked with over 50 volunteers from all over the U.S. on riparian restoration within the Escalante Watershed. Additionally, through our outreach, watershed residents within the local communities created partnerships for restoration on private land.

All told, we had an incredibly productive year – but our work is not yet done. In 2018, we plan to make the final push of restoring the remaining stream and tributary miles of the Escalante Watershed working in areas such as Harris Wash, Above The Gulch along the main stem of the Escalante River, and on private lands



within the Escalante community. Through our woody invasive treatments work and other targeted riparian habitat projects, we are restoring the Escalante Watershed to more historical, healthy conditions, creating better habitat for fish and other wildlife while also benefiting the needs of recreationists and local communities. Escalante River Watershed Partnership's work is not possible without your continued support.

We are asking you to consider taking the next step towards protecting the future of the Escalante River and investing in the incredible work we have done so far by making a personal gift to the Escalante River



Watershed Partnership.

Donations can be made through this [link](#) or by mailing a check to PO Box 53, Kanab, UT 84741. Please indicate that this donation is meant specifically for the Escalante River Watershed Partnership.

We wish you a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Nicole Croft  
Executive Director  
Grand Staircase Escalante Partners

Linda Whitham  
Central Canyonlands Program Manager  
The Nature Conservancy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristen Jespersen".

Kristen Jespersen  
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